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SUBJ: FOREIGN BUYER PROGRAM: PROPOSED VISIT OF ALGERIAN TEXTILE
INDUSTRY OFFICIALS

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY MR. M.A. CHERIFI, DIRECTOR OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN MINISTRY OF LIGHT INDUSTRIES, TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP A VISIT OF FIVE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY, SONITEX (NATIONAL TEXTILES MONOPOLY) AND SNERI (NATIONAL ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT FIRM ATTACHED TO THE MINISTRY) TO U.S. SEEKING POSSIBLE PARTNERS FOR THREE SYNTHETIC FIBERS PROJECTS.

2. MISSION WOULD BE HEADED BY CHERIFI AND WOULD HOPE TO DEPART ALGIERS O/A JUNE 26, 1978.

3. MINISTRY AND SONITEX INTEND TO BUILD THREE PLANTS PRODUCING POLYESTER, POLYAMID AND POLYACRYLIC FIBERS. PLANTS WOULD NOT RPT NOT PRODUCE RAW MATERIALS, WHICH WOULD EITHER BE SUPPLIED BY NATIONAL COMPANIES OR IMPORTED. CHERIFI SAID THEY HAVE IN MIND TYPICAL ALGERIAN "PRODUCT IN HAND" CONTRACT, BUT THEY WOULD ENTERTAIN OTHER SUGGESTIONS. HE DID NOT MENTION DIRECT INVESTMENT OF JOINT VENTURE.

4. CHERIFI SAID HE WOULD HOPE USDOC COULD GIVE SOME DEGREE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAMMING ASSISTANCE, IN ADDITION TO SEEKING OUT INTERESTED FIRMS. THAT IS, WHILE HE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO ONE PRIVATE FIRM ACTING AS COORDINATOR OF VISIT, HE WOULD LIKE USG INVOLVEMENT TO ASSURE THAT NO INTERESTED FIRM IS LEFT OUT.

5. SINCE FINANCING PACKAGE WILL BE IMPORTANT, CHERIFI ALSO WOULD LIKE MISSION TO VISIT EXIMBANK.

6. CHERIFI IS HARVARD EDUCATED AND SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. HE PARTICIPATED IN A SIMILAR MISSION RE COTTON TEXTILES ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO. THAT MISSION WAS CORDINATED BY US FIRM AMATEX OF GREENVILLE, S.C. DURING THAT MISSION CHERIFI ALSO SPOKE TO EXIMBANK, SO HE IS AWARE OF PROBLEMS. STEPHAN

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